

## Senate Resolution 120 - Introduced

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120

#### BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

1 A Resolution honoring John Pollak for his dedicated  
2 service to the Legislative Services Agency and the  
3 Iowa General Assembly.

4 WHEREAS, for almost three decades John Pollak  
5 has worked unceasingly to keep the machineries of  
6 state government well-oiled and working smoothly as a  
7 legal services research analyst, drafter, editor, and  
8 committee services administrator in the nonpartisan,  
9 drafting and staffing division of the Legislative  
10 Services Agency; and

11 WHEREAS, John, dedicating his career to the ideal  
12 that good research, good counsel, and artful and  
13 ingenious drafting results in good lawmaking, became  
14 an expert in the drafting of legislation and staffing  
15 of committees in the areas of human services, child  
16 welfare, mental health, appropriations, and state  
17 government; and

18 WHEREAS, John continually assumed more  
19 responsibility, being named the agency's first  
20 Committee Services Administrator in 1990, coordinating  
21 the biennial orientation for newly elected legislators,  
22 and most often becoming the face of the agency in his  
23 oversight of standing committee staffing and delivery  
24 of work products to the members for their next work  
25 day; and

26 WHEREAS, with his abiding interest in his fellow  
27 human beings and hospitable nature, in his personal  
28 life, John, along with his wife Nancy, has been an

1 active organizer of and participant in countless  
2 bicycling, canoeing, and other outdoor adventures,  
3 host to and entertainer of a multitude of friends  
4 and acquaintances, and promoter of local and global  
5 opportunities to spread diplomacy through his good  
6 sense of humor and bad jokes of the day; and

7 WHEREAS, John brought these skills and endeavors to  
8 good task as a well-suited member of the "team humans",  
9 and in doing so expanding the legislative lexicon  
10 to include such terms as "floopy", "draconian", and  
11 "version blur" when portraying legislation; and

12 WHEREAS, John has been an exceptional liaison  
13 between the Legislative Services Agency and the leaders  
14 and members of the General Assembly and their caucus  
15 and personal staffs, continually offering good cheer  
16 and maintaining an exuberance for legislative staffing,  
17 exercising his loyalty to the General Assembly as  
18 a co-equal branch of government, and pursuing his  
19 untiring resolve to always offer his sage advice  
20 and prepare the highest quality work products in  
21 the shortest time frame possible, in order to assist  
22 the General Assembly in its lawmaking functions; NOW  
23 THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
25 recognizes John for his extraordinary and long-term  
26 public service, his unsurpassed devotion to the  
27 legislature as the state's lawmaking institution, and  
28 his inspiring leadership in the Legislative Services  
29 Agency's fulfillment of its nonpartisan drafting and  
30 staffing missions, and, upon his retirement, wishes him

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1 the very best in the years ahead.